PPC- March 23, 2012

In attendance: Erin, Jeff C, Jeff D, Susan, Jenny, Krystal, Barb, Sarah, Jonathan, Marelda, Lisa, Mary K

Susan had 3 goals for the Pecha Kucha presentations and they were all accomplished (Great job!)

1. Summary of each port
2. Share large amount of info. quickly
3. Decide whether to pursue PK night at MS

Reflections about PK’s:

**-Sarah suggested PK’s for Teachers: Teachers to Teachers for CEU’s, 2 hours in the evening, professional development, beer & wine, and entertainment!**

-PK’s are easier if you’re really familiar with the topic

-PK’s may be easier for one person to present

-Forced the learning and reflection process

-Good for quick clips of presentations to put online/ YouTube

-Similar to “Lightning Talks” and “Dork Shorts”

**-Idea to do Moby Dick PKs the night before the marathon!**

Reflections about the entire Morgan initiative:

-Nervous about the amount of work we still have to do and the time left to complete things

-Port visits made it REAL for the institution as a whole

**-Important that the Morgan become part of our jobs not just an add-on: Please schedule a ½ hour meeting with Susan to talk about ways in which everyone can make that possible. Susan wants to hear the status of the projects you’re working on, how you can work the Morgan into your standard job responsibilities, where the Morgan fits on your priority list, and your opinion about any projects we may we wasting our time on. Your HONEST OPINION is best so that she can help to develop a support system.**

**Need to keep building contact with the ports:**

**-Need a relationship manager**

-Want to give them a chance to do all the cool stuff they’ve always wanted to

- Want to give each port some care & feeding- still collaborative

- Want to give them a sense of confidence to create programs on their own

- At some point we need to realize that the “Idea Train has left the station!” and start implementing

**Will have a Port Partner Charrette on one of the following dates: April 20th, April 23rd, or April 27th**

**Need to create a regular newsletter to keep the ports updated- the newsletter should be contributory**

**Need to start planning the 3rd Thursday 5PM Professional Development**

Do we need to ask the other port partners we met with for a letter of support?

Susan reported back her discussion with Jill Johnson at the Smithsonian who worked on the Ocean exhibit.

-Gave information on the Fiberglass whale sculpture by Terry Chase: Although we may not be able to have a similar sculpture in the port because it takes a week to put together- the sculpture is a detailed representation of a real whale named Phoenix. The center tracks when Phoenix is spotted and we may be able to work together with them if we spot Phoenix.

-They are creating another exhibit titled; “Living on an Ocean Planet” we may be able to contribute to that in order to further prove our national reach

-They also use Science on a Sphere which we are thinking of using in the future

Shannon gave an overview of the billet (which will be available on the wiki ASAP)

-6 officers

-10 core deck hands

-10 additional sailing crew: pool of 30 from Mystic Seaport Community- rotate on & off for different legs

-10 involved in the business of the ship: stowaway, teacher, student, volunteer, artist, etc.

-12 guests: donors, presidents of funding sources, whaleboat builders, people to show our appreciation to, etc.

Shannon also announced that a donor has come forwarded and inspired many places to build whaleboats- in addition to Lowell, Independent Seaport and Rocking the Boat

He is donating money for each shop to get started on building

A Maritime Insurance Company is also donating a whaleboat

May have more whaleboats than we actually need (which is a great thing!)

**Should create a visual guide to the ships that will be accompanying the Morgan**

**Dana Hewson is working on a spreadsheet which outlines some of the following:**

**-**Who will be supplying & managing the ship

-Use

-How much $

-Which budget

-After voyage use

-Things we don’t need any more after

-Timing

-Specific notes

-Program/staffing needs